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NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tenth National Youth Festival was held recently in Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred on the festival along with the gist of the views expressed by participants about the venue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 10th National Youth Festival was held in Hyderabad from 21st to 25th February, 2005. Normally, this Festival is held every year from 12-16th January to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. This year, the festival was postponed due to tsunami disaster. National Youth Festival is a mega national integration camp. In the festival, 5451 participants from all over the country including Andhra Pradesh took part in various competitive, non-competitive events and cultural programmes. During the inaugural function on 21st February, 2005, National Youth Awards were conferred on 25 individuals and one voluntary organisation for outstanding work for the community.

As per the Scheme, the Central Government and the host State Government share the expenditure in the ratio of 50:50 subject to a ceiling of Rs.1.00 crore in so far as the Central grant is concerned. An amount of Rs.3.50 crore approximately was incurred on holding the festival. The Central Government had sanctioned Rs.1.00 crore to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for holding the festival. An amount of Rs. 31,14,026/- was sanctioned to Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, National Service Scheme and Ballooning India Association for holding various programmes and adventure activities during the festival.

The participants who attended the festival expressed their satisfaction about the venue and other arrangements made by the State Government and Central Government during the festival.